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The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on International Application No. PCT/US 02/37199, which is a foreign counterpart of U.S. Serial No. 09/989,682, which is a continuation-in-part of this application. A copy of that Search Report is attached. The Examiner will see that the Search Report also lists the following documents which have already been submitted to the Office in this application.

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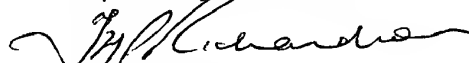
U.S. Patent No. 3,798,333

In addition, the Search Report lists U.S. Publication Nos. US 02/090425 and 2002/127305, which are the publications of this application and the continuation-in-part application Serial No. 09/989,682. Since these Publications cannot be prior art to this application, they are not listed on the attached PTO-1449.

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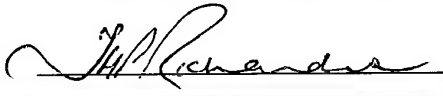
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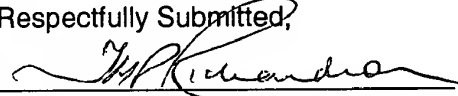
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